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INFRASTRUCTURE FOR MANUFACTURING MIG AIRCRAFT
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether elaborate arrangements and infrastructure exist for manufacturing of MIG fighter aircraft,with a factory at Nasik to produce air-frames and at Koraput to produce engines;

(b) if so, whether these factories are lying largely idle;

(c) if so, the extent of idle capacity during the last three years; and

(d) the steps being taken to upgrade these units to manufacture more sophisticated aircraft?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) The idle capacity during the last three years at Nasik and Koraput is indicated as under:-

(IN LAKH MAN-HOURS)

	1997-98	1998-99	1999-2000
Nasik	2.30 (4.08)	2.41 (4.37)	2.31 (4.20)
Koraput	6.66 (23.04)	2.53 (8.91)	1.88 (6.79)

Note:- Figures in brackets indicate idle capacity as percentage of total available capacity.

(d) With the launch of manufacturing of SU-30 Aircraft, the facilities at Nasik & Koraput will be upgraded and get fully utilised.